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SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE APPROVES SB 1455, TO CREATE GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATES, BY A VOTE OF 9-0

The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee today approved SB 1455 (Cogdill and Denham), by a vote of 9-0, thus paving the way for families, who have lost loved ones to the current war on terror and prior wars, to be able to purchase Gold Star Family License Plates, to honor the sacrifices their families have endured. This bill now moves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"I am pleased and gratified that today, the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee approved SB 1455, thus allowing Gold Star Family License Plates to be purchased by military families," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson. "It is only right that families wishing to acknowledge the loss of a family member who died for the cause of freedom be allowed to proudly display these license plates."

"We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who have courageously given their lives while serving our nation," added Johnson. "The Gold Star Family license plate will provide a way in which family members may honor the treasured memory of their loved ones."

SB 1455, Cogdill and Denham, Vehicles: Special License Plates

This bill will authorize a person who is a family member of a member of the Armed Forces who was killed while serving on active duty in the military to apply for a special license plate with a design containing the words "Gold Star Family."

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